

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1808 - HB 1854**

February 22, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires jury coordinators to provide administrators of elections a bi-monthly list of persons disqualified from jury service on the basis of: being a non-United States citizen; a convicted felon; deceased; and not being a state or county resident. Requires administrators of elections to purge such persons from the voter registration rolls if they are registered to vote.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Increase State Expenditures – \$5,000/One-Time

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013125):** Deletes language in the original bill that required jury coordinators to provide such a list on a bi-monthly basis and replaces it with a new provision that requires such list to be sent according to the jury summons cycle used by the court clerk.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Under current law, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-1-102, persons who have been convicted of a felony or perjury are deemed incompetent to serve as a juror.
- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), many clerks who are designated jury coordinators use Tennessee Court Information System (TnCIS) for monitoring respective jury pools.
- TnCIS contains a tracking mechanism for “disqualified excuses” for tracking prospective jurors.
- In order to modify TnCIS to aid jury coordinators in tracking those persons disqualified from jury service pursuant to the proposed language, the TnCIS program will require modifications.

- Based on information provided by the AOC, updating the TnCIS system through the program vendor is estimated to result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$5,000 (\$100 per hour x 50 hours of labor).
- Purging such persons from the voter registration rolls will not result in any significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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